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Officials

The Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby, D.D., Bishop of La Crosse, makes the following announcement:

The Reverend **Arockiaraj Paristham**, with the permission of the Most Reverend Arockiaraj Savarimuthu, Bishop of the Diocese of Tiruchirapalli, India, is appointed as Associate Pastor of St. Paul Parish in Bloomer and St. John the Baptist Parish in Cooks Valley, with residence at St. John the Baptist Parish rectory in Cooks Valley, effective August 1, 2024.

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Events

As of July 30

Tuesday, July 30	
6:00pm	St. Ladislaus Parish Summer Concert - Bevent
Wednesday, July 31	
12:15pm	Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Dedication Anniversary - La Crosse
Sunday, August 4	
10:00am	St. Adalbert Parish Picnic - Rosholt
10:00am	St. Joseph Parish Corn Festival and Silent Auction - Rock Falls
11:00am	St. Philip the Apostle Parish 103rd Church Picnic - Rudolph
Monday, August 5	
9:00am	St. Olaf Parish Vacation Bible School - Eau Claire
11:00am	Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Solemn Pontifical Mass - La Crosse
Tuesday, August 6	
6:00pm	St. Ladislaus Parish Summer Concert - Bevent
Saturday, August 10	
4:00pm	St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish August Fest - Schofield - Aug. 10-11
4:30pm	10th Annual Farm to Table Dinner - Bangor
Sunday, August 11	
10:00am	St. Joachim Parish Harvest Festival - Pittsville
Thursday, August 15	
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Curia Offices Closed	
Friday, August 16	
Retrouvaille Marriage Help Program - Wausau - Aug. 16-18	
Saturday, August 17	
Holy Rosary Silent Online Auction - Lima - Aug. 17-24	
11:00am	St. Patrick Parish Summerfest - Sparta - Aug. 17-18
5:30pm	St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Picnic - Almond
7:00pm	Sacred Heart Parish Picnic - Polonia - Aug. 17-18
Sunday, August 18	
10:00am	Holy Rosary Parish Picnic - Sigel
Saturday, August 24	
9:00am	Blessed Sacrament Parish Art Fair - La Crosse
4:00pm	St. Bronislava Parish Community Days - Plover - Aug. 24-25
Sunday, August 25	
11:00am	Holy Rosary Parish Fall Festival - Lima
3:00pm	Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Andrew McDonald Organ Recital - La Crosse
Sunday, September 1	
9:30am	Immaculate Conception Parish Doughnut Sunday - Eau Claire
10:00am	St. Wenceslaus Parish Annual Picnic and Homecoming - Eastman
11:00am	St. Mary Parish Festival - Lyndon Station
Monday, September 2	
Labor Day - Curia Offices Closed	

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, diolc.org/calendar, and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to datebook@diolc.org. Make sure you include the following details: date, beginning/ending times, event location, description, menu and cost, etc. If you have any questions, please call Pam Willer at 608.788.1524 for more information.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

A Profound Moment for the Whole Church - Watch Opening Ceremony: Eucharistic Congress

The 10th National Eucharistic Congress was a Catholic experience unlike any other, with a historic outpouring of God's grace. 60,000 participants of our Catholic family gathered to experience profound, personal renewal through the power of Christ's love. Like the first Pentecost, may the grace of the Holy Spirit strengthen each one of us in our belief, love and devotion for Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

Be moved deeply by watching The Opening Ceremony of the Eucharistic Congress at this link: (scroll to the bottom, in right corner) ondemand.ewtn.com/free/Home/Play/en/NEC24001 The ceremony includes a compelling introduction that sets the context for the Congress, an overview of the four U.S. pilgrimages across the U.S. (beginning to 47 min.), the arrival of the perpetual pilgrims from the four routes of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (47-59), adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, a reading from Scripture and reflection before Jesus by Bishop Andrew Cozzens (59 -1:48) Benediction (1:48-1:57) welcome by Archbishop Charles Thompson (1:57-1:59) welcome by Fr. Josh Johnson, Sr. Miriam Heidland, Montse Alvarado (1:59 -2:10).

For Your Parish Bulletin:

A Minute with Jesus: The Eucharist is called the Holy Sacrifice

A sacrifice is an offering of love for someone. Jesus rescued us and set us free from the bondage of sin by offering Himself through His painful sacrifice on the Cross. At each Mass, Jesus offers Himself to the Father for love of us. Jesus is not being "re-sacrificed" but the sacrifice of Calvary is being made present at each Mass. To express our gratitude and to open our hearts more deeply to Him, we can show our love by offering small sacrifices in union with Jesus: Our willingness to forgive after being hurt by someone; cutting our time short with TV to take time for prayer; visiting someone who is sick etc.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Thank You, Jesus, for loving me so much that You were willing to die in order to save me and set me free from the bondage of sin.

This week, read how we are to imitate Jesus by walking in the way of love in St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians: "Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved me and gave Himself up for me as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).

Bulletin editors: For upcoming weeks of proclamations (or prior weeks) entitled *A Minute with Jesus*, click here: diolc.org/eucharist/learn.

For Clergy

John 6 Preaching Series Guide: National Eucharistic Revival

The National Eucharistic Revival Team has provided resources, developed by 4 priests, for the upcoming Sundays which focus on the Bread of Life Discourse in John 6. The "Preaching Guide" includes key doctrinal points, focus verses, goals and reflection questions. The 8-page booklet may be downloaded [here](#)

Catechetical Leader Information:**Gentle Reminder for DREs, CREs and Youth Ministers**

You are invited to spend the day with Bishop Battersby to prepare for fall. Please register today. See the email with further details and the link to register that you should have received on June 28th. Any questions, contact Ann at alankford@diolc.org.

(Reminder) Recruiting Catechists

Let us join together in storming Heaven with our prayer that God will move the hearts of men and women in the parish to want to hand on the Faith and accompany the next generation in their relationship with Jesus.

(Reminder) Theology of the Body required in Middle School and High School:

TOB Middle School and High School DVD Programs by Ascension Press are required in the fall at every school and parish.

ascensionpress.com/collections/theology-of-the-body-for-teens-middle-school-edition

ascensionpress.com/collections/you-life-love-and-the-theology-of-the-body

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PII - Personally Identifiable Information

In our roles in the parishes and curia we are trusted with parishioner information. This information qualifies as PII. As stewards of this information, we must be aware of how this information is handled and shared with others. Information that seems relatively harmless to share could be used to craft a larger attack. Always be aware of what information is published in parish bulletins and consider whether permission has been given.

Learn more at:

<https://videos.wizer-training.com/videos/04979bb048fb4abea8a66d91c4557443>

Additional security training is available at wizer-training.com

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**Office for Consecrated Life**

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(Reminder) For your parish bulletin:**Save the Date! October 11-13 | Consecrated Virginity Discernment Weekend:**

Want to discover the call and gift of the ancient vocation of consecrated virginity for women living in the world? Join us at the La Crosse Holy Cross Diocesan Center for the Informational / Discernment Weekend.

Check with your pastor for more information or the Diocesan Calendar on the website diolc.org/events/

For more information about consecrated virginity for women living in the world, go to the Diocesan web page: diolc.org/consecratedlife/consecrated-virgins/

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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HelpOurMarriage.org Flyer

Follow the link below to download and print a flyer with tear-off tabs for HelpOurMarriage.org. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UlduxG5Cf3m1Bs5du6EaUG8VKDaVGXR/view?usp=sharing>

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Married Couples

Marriage is a journey! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next weekends in our area are September 27-29 in Dubuque and Nov. 8-10 in Holstein. Call (563)920-9419 for more information or sign up at wwme.org.

(Reminder) 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebrations:

This year, with so many beautiful things that have happened in our diocese, we had to change some dates, which delayed our getting the invitations out. Please know that the invitations have been sent, and an email to the couples listed in ParishSoft. The scheduled dates, times, and locations are as follows:

- Aug. 11, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse
- Aug. 25, 2024 at 1:00 pm at St. Olaf Catholic Church in Eau Claire

There may be some couples who do not have their wedding date listed in ParishSOFT. Below is a blurb for your parish bulletin that may be able to help us include those couples:

(Reminder) For Your Parish Bulletin:

Retrouvaille: Healing Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (French for "Rediscovery") is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving

relationship. For more information, call 1.877.922.HOPE (4673) or visit website: [HelpOurMarriage.org](https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org). Fully Confidential and affordable. The next program begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area, Aug. 16-18, 2024.

(Reminder) Crosswoods Family Camp | Aug. 2-4 and Sept. 20-22 | Delta, WI
Family Camp at Crosswoods Camp

Please follow this link to see the flier and contact information:

drive.google.com/file/d/1ujZDVH6QaobSSqML7DEzpnPF7joTmekC/view?usp=sharing

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Office for Ministries

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

Come to Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 AM-2 PM | Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock:

Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown, and the dedicated families who farm it.

(Reminder) For Your Parish Bulletin:

Catholic Faithful Citizenship Resources



What is a Catholic perspective on politics and voting? For resources, including materials from the bishops of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) and the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCCB), as well as a downloadable bulletin insert, visit diolc.org/faithful-citizenship or scan the QR code to the right.



(Reminder) For Your Parish Bulletin:

Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available 24/7

Make a confidential call to Catholic Charities at 844.644.7223 (844.64.GRACE) or text 715.600.6391. To learn more, visit cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant. For additional pregnancy support resources and locations, visit diolc.org/pregnancy-resources.



(Reminder) For Your Parish Bulletin:

Help Chalice of Mercy bring relief and hope to the suffering people of Ukraine;
A two-minute video appeal from Valentyna Pavsyukova:



Before returning to Ukraine in mid-February, Valentyna Pavsyukova, who founded Chalice of Mercy mission in Chippewa Falls in 2007, recorded a beautiful two-minute video appeal for continued prayers and financial support for the mission. See it at diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy, or scan the QR



code to the right, and learn how you can help as she and others risk their lives in their mission to the suffering people of Ukraine!

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Order of Christian Initiation of Adults to Be Used December 2024

The English and Spanish editions of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) and *Ritual de la Iniciación cristiana de adultos* (RICA) were confirmed by the Holy See on Feb. 14, 2024. The revised OCIA–RICA may first be used on the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 1, 2024, and the mandatory implementation date has been set for Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Multiple Editions to Be Printed of the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* and the *Ritual de la Iniciación cristiana de adultos*

Ritual and study editions of the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* and the *Ritual de la Iniciación cristiana de adultos* will go on sale in the United States beginning Nov. 1, 2024. Five publishers will produce editions, all of which are available for pre-order as of June 1:

Catholic Book Publishing Corp. (CatholicBookPublishing.com, 877-228-2665)

- English Ritual: 7¼" × 10¼", 400 pgs., hardcover, \$39.00
- Bilingual Ritual: 7¼" × 10¼", 800 pgs., hardcover, \$46.00

Liturgical Press (LitPress.org, 800-858-5450)

- English Ritual: 7¼" × 10½", 352 pgs., hardcover, \$59.95
- English Study: 6" × 9", 352 pgs., paperback, \$39.95
- Spanish Study: 6" × 9", 352 pgs., paperback, \$39.95

Liturgy Training Publications (LTP.org, 800-933-1800)

- English Ritual: 7" × 10", 432 pgs., hardcover, \$75.00
- Spanish Ritual: 7" × 10", 432 pgs., hardcover, \$75.00
- Bilingual Ritual: 7" × 10", 864 pgs., hardcover, \$145.00
- English Study: 7" × 10", 448 pgs., paperback, \$32.00
- Spanish Study: 7" × 10", 448 pgs., paperback, \$32.00

Magnificat (bookstore.Magnificat.net, 970-416-6670)

- English Ritual: 6¾" × 9¼", 280 pgs., hardcover, \$34.95

Midwest Theological Forum (TheologicalForum.org, 630-541-8519)

- English Ritual: 7.18" × 10¼", 352 pgs., synthetic leather hardcover, \$49.95
- Bilingual Ritual: 7.18" × 10¼", 711 pgs., synthetic leather hardcover, \$69.95

As a reminder, the liturgical book may first be used as of the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 1, with mandatory use beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

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2024-2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal: "For We are God's Co-workers" 1 Corinthians 3:9

This year's theme will focus on what Bishop Battersby calls a "turning toward mission: the Mission of Jesus."

This year's theme is rooted in 1 Corinthians 3:9: "*For We are God's Co-Workers.*" The theme highlights the collaborative relationship between God and us, the faithful, in building His kingdom. This verse emphasizes several critical aspects of practicing our faith as Catholics. It enables us to fulfill our baptismal call to holiness and bring Christ's love to the world, especially those most in need. As we prepare the launch of this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal, the thoughts below will help you focus on how your ministry encourages:

- **Trusting in God's Providence:** The Church calls us to have a profound trust in God's providence and plan for creation. Pope Benedict XVI states, "A Christian who lets himself be guided and gradually shaped by the faith of the Church, in spite of his weaknesses,

limitations, and difficulties, becomes like a window open to the light of the living God." This trust enables us to cooperate faithfully with God's work.

- **Participating in God's Mission:** Called to participate in God's mission on earth through baptism, 1 Corinthians 3:9 underscores the idea that every believer has a role in spreading the Gospel and building up the Church.
- **Collaborating with Divine Grace:** The concept of being co-workers with God implies that we work alongside Divine Grace. While God initiates and sustains the work, human cooperation is essential. God's grace and our free will are complimentary.
- **Uniting as a Community:** This verse also highlights the importance of unity and teamwork. We are to support and uplift each other in our spiritual journeys and service to the Church.
- **Servicing via our Vocation:** Every one of us has a vocation, whether to the priesthood, religious life, marriage, or single life. We are to view our daily work and duties as part of our collaboration with God.
- **Stewarding our Gifts:** As children of God, we are to be good stewards of His creation and our gifts of time, talents, and treasure, as well as encouraging and helping others to be good stewards of their time, talents, and treasures. Stewardship involves evangelizing the Gospel's good news and recognizing our role as collaborators with God in the unfolding and protecting of creation. As Pope Paul VI affirms, "To evangelize is the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her most profound identity." The faithful carry out this mission by using their gifts to bring the Good News to the world.

In summary, [1 Corinthians 3:9](#), "*For We are God's Co-Workers*," reminds us that our faith calls us to a life of trust in God, zeal for the Church's evangelical mission, and profound love and care for the poor by actively participating in God's work enthusiastically, fostering a sense of purpose, community, and responsibility in our spiritual and everyday lives.

Planned Giving – Leaving a Legacy, Wills, Bequest, and Endowments:

Planned Giving Bulletin Ads: We have several bulletin ads available for download on the appeal portal appeal.diolc.org/

We have been entrusted with precious treasures passed down from our ancestors, and it's our responsibility to ensure that future generations can also enjoy the splendor and reverence of a well-maintained parish. One way to achieve this is by utilizing the capital campaign and providing the parishioners with information on endowments, trusts, and bequests.

Our estate planning guide can help save hundreds of dollars in legal and financial estate planning costs. We have mailed out several hundred copies per individual request, and each Parish has received a copy. Please feel free to contact our office for additional copies.

Visit diolclegacy.org, our Planned Giving website, to find calculators and more information, sign up for a newsletter, and request specific estate planning guides and information. Our website also provides instructions on doing an IRA rollover, creating donor-advised funds (DAF), beneficiary designations, and stock transfers. diolclegacy.org/?pageID=5

Please contact Jeff Reiter at jreiter@diolc.org for more information on legacy giving, presentations, or ads for your Parish bulletin.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:

- 08/04/24
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/08.04.24-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf
- 08/11/24
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/08.11.24-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf
- 08/18/24
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/08.18.24-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf
- 08/25/2024
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/08.25.24-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections for your homily development:

- For Weeks 08/04/24 - 08/25/24
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Homily-Guide-07.30.24.pdf

Weekly Stewardship Quotes (shorter bulletin reflections):

- July - September 2024
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Stewardship-Bulletin-Reflections-July-September-2024.docx
 - Spanish Version
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Stewardship-Bulletin-Reflections-July-September-2024-Spanish.docx

Weekly Stewardship Prayers of the Faithful:

- July - September 2024
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Prayers-of-the-Faithful-July-September-2024.docx
 - Spanish Version
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Prayers-of-the-Faithful-July-September-2024-Spanish.docx

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Health Enews from Catholic Mutual Group:

Please [click here](#) for the June edition of CMG Health Enews.

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Office for Vocations

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Please Include the Following Intercession for Vocations for your Sunday Prayers of the Faithful:

That our parish communities will nurture holy single lives, marriage, and religious vocations through their lives of prayer and service, giving witness to God's loving action in the world.

Consider Adding a Vocations Paragraph to Your Parish Bulletin:

Below is an example – they will be changed each week. Feel free to use any or all of them.

Have you asked someone recently?

Do you know someone in your life that you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them that? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that they would make a good priest, as that may be just what they have been waiting for. Once you encourage them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Dates for Upcoming Events for the Office for Family Life

We have been working hard to keep our planning 2 years ahead. Although there are a couple of "TBD's," most of our events listed have the who, what, where, and when. You will see that the dates themselves are hyperlinks allowing you to add them to your calendar. Each event also has a link to take you directly to the page of our website to find out more information about that particular event. Please use the link below to download the list.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1slbfy9DDT0YAj6NupwRg2Byu_cbMRQX3/view?usp=sharing

Tune-In Tuesdays Will Resume September 3, 2024

We will resume our Tune-In Tuesday Zoom meetings beginning September 3, 2024. These Zoom meetings are for any Youth Minister, DRE, or CRE. These are weekly, hour-long meetings and is a time for us to build a community of ministers to pray together, share experience, triumphs, hardships, and everything in between. Please use this link to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82245824299>

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